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ENGROSSED SENATE BILL No. 591

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Synopsis: Psychology, speech-language pathology, and audiology. Requires the state psychology board to consult with the social work certification and marriage and family therapists credentialing board before establishing, maintaining, or updating the list of restricted psychology tests and instruments. Allows certain state licensure exams to apply to the psychology reciprocity requirements. Amends several definitions concerning speech-language pathology and audiology. Requires licensure of speech-language pathology aides, associates, and assistants. Amends licensure requirements of speech-language pathologists and audiologists. Requires an audiologist to possess a doctorate degree after January 1, 2007. Allows the professional standards board to issue credentials to certain speech language professionals. Allows certified speech-language pathologists and audiologists who meet certain requirements to be considered to have a National Board of Professional Teaching Standards certification. Requires a referral to administer a test of vestibular function. Amends reciprocity licensure requirements for speech-language pathologists and audiologists. Requires licenses to be displayed. Makes conforming changes.

Effective: July 1, 2005.

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(HOUSE SPONSORS — BROWN T, MAYS)

January 20, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Provider Services.

February 24, 2005, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

February 28, 2005, read second time, ordered engrossed. Engrossed.

March 1, 2005, read third time, passed. Yeas 48, nays 0.

HOUSE ACTION

March 14, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Health.

March 29, 2005, amended, reported — Do Pass.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 25-33-1-3, AS AMENDED BY HEA 1288-2005,
2 SECTION 196, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 3. (a) There is created a board to be
4 known as the "state psychology board". The board shall consist of
5 seven (7) members appointed by the governor. Six (6) of the board
6 members shall be licensed under this article and shall have had at least
7 five (5) years of experience as a professional psychologist prior to their
8 appointment. The seventh member shall be appointed to represent the
9 general public, must be a resident of this state, must never have been
10 credentialed in a mental health profession, and must in no way be
11 associated with the profession of psychology other than as a consumer.
12 All members shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years. All
13 members may serve until their successors are duly appointed and
14 qualified. A vacancy occurring on the board shall be filled by the
15 governor by appointment. The member so appointed shall serve for the
16 unexpired term of the vacating member. Each member of the board is
17 entitled to the minimum salary per diem provided by IC 4-10-11-2.1(b).

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Such a member is also entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties, as provided in the state travel policies and procedures established by the department of administration and approved by the state budget agency.

(b) The members of the board shall organize by the election of a chairman and a vice chairman from among its membership. Such officers shall serve for a term of one (1) year. The board shall meet at least once in each calendar year and on such other occasions as it considers necessary and advisable. A meeting of the board may be called by its chairman or by a majority of the members on the board. Four (4) members of the board constitute a quorum. A majority of the quorum may transact business.

(c) The board is empowered to do the following:

(1) Establish reasonable application, examination, and renewal procedures and set fees for licensure under this article. However, no fee collected under this article shall, under any circumstances, be refunded.

(2) Adopt and enforce rules concerning assessment of costs in disciplinary proceedings before the board.

(3) Establish examinations of applicants for licensure under this article and issue, deny, suspend, revoke, and renew licenses.

(4) Subject to IC 25-1-7, investigate and conduct hearings, upon complaint against individuals licensed or not licensed under this article, concerning alleged violation of this article, under procedures conducted in accordance with IC 4-21.5.

(5) Initiate the prosecution and enjoinder of any person violating this article.

(6) Adopt rules which are necessary for the proper performance of its duties, in accordance with IC 4-22-2.

(7) Establish a code of professional conduct.

(d) The board shall adopt rules establishing standards for the competent practice of psychology.

(e) All expenses incurred in the administration of this article shall be paid from the general fund upon appropriation being made in the manner provided by law for the making of such appropriations.

(f) The bureau shall do the following:

(1) Carry out the administrative functions of the board.

(2) Provide necessary personnel to carry out the duties of this article.

(3) Receive and account for all fees required under this article.

(4) Deposit fees collected with the treasurer of the state for

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deposit in the state general fund.

(g) The board shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to establish, maintain, and update a list of restricted psychology tests and instruments (as defined in section 14(b) of this chapter) containing those psychology tests and instruments that, because of their design or complexity, create a danger to the public by being improperly administered and interpreted by an individual other than:

(1) a psychologist licensed under IC 25-33-1-5.1;

(2) an appropriately trained mental health provider under the direct supervision of a health service provider endorsed under IC 25-33-1-5.1(c);

(3) a qualified physician licensed under IC 25-22.5;

(4) a school psychologist who holds a valid:

(A) license issued by the professional standards board under ~~IC 20-1-1.4-2~~; **IC 20-28-2**; or

(B) endorsement under ~~IC 20-1-1.9~~; **IC 20-28-12**; practicing within the scope of the school psychologist's license or endorsement; or

(5) a minister, priest, rabbi, or other member of the clergy providing pastoral counseling or other assistance.

(h) The board shall consult with the social work certification and marriage and family therapists credentialing board before establishing, maintaining, and updating the list of restricted psychology tests and instruments under subsection (g).

~~(h)~~ (i) The board shall provide to:

(1) the social work certification and marriage and family therapists credentialing board; and

(2) any other interested party upon receiving the request of the interested party;

a list of the names of tests and instruments proposed for inclusion on the list of restricted psychological tests and instruments under subsection (g) at least sixty (60) days before publishing notice of intent under IC 4-22-2-23 to adopt a rule regarding restricted tests and instruments.

~~(i)~~ (j) The social work certification and marriage and family therapists credentialing board and any other interested party that receives the list under subsection ~~(h)~~ (i) may offer written comments or objections regarding a test or instrument proposed for inclusion on the list of restricted tests and instruments within sixty (60) days after receiving the list. If:

(1) the comments or objections provide evidence indicating that a proposed test or instrument does not meet the criteria

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established for restricted tests and instruments, the board may delete that test from the list of restricted tests; and

(2) the board determines that a proposed test or instrument meets the criteria for restriction after reviewing objections to the test or instrument, the board shall respond in writing to justify its decision to include the proposed test or instrument on the list of restricted tests and instruments.

⌘ (k) This section may not be interpreted to prevent a licensed or certified health care professional from practicing within the scope of the health care professional's:

(1) license or certification; and

(2) training or credentials.

SECTION 2. IC 25-33-1-9 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 9. (a) The board shall issue a license to practice psychology to an individual who:

(1) applies in the manner required by the board;

(2) pays a fee;

(3) is at least eighteen (18) years of age;

(4) has not been convicted of a crime that has a direct bearing on the individual's ability to practice competently;

(5) holds, at the time of application, a valid license or certificate as a psychologist from another state;

(6) possesses a doctoral degree from a recognized institution of higher learning;

(7) has successfully completed:

(A) a degree program that would have been approved by the board at the time the individual was licensed or certified in the other state; or

(B) if the individual was licensed or certified in the other state before July 1, 1969, a degree program that satisfied the educational requirements of the board in effect January 4, 1971;

(8) has practiced psychology continuously since being licensed or certified;

(9) if the individual was licensed or certified by the other state:

(A) after September 30, 1972, has taken the Examination for the Professional Practice of Psychology and achieved the passing score required by the board at the time the examination was administered; or

(B) before January 1, 1990, and the other state required an examination other than the Examination for the Professional Practice of Psychology, achieved a passing

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1 **score in the other state at the time of licensure or**
 2 **certification;**

3 (10) has passed an examination administered by the board that
 4 covers Indiana law related to the practice of psychology; and

5 (11) is not in violation of this chapter or rules adopted under this
 6 chapter.

7 (b) The board may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 concerning the
 8 issuance of a license under this section.

9 SECTION 3. IC 25-35.6-1-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 10 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 2. (a) As used in this
 11 article, "board" means the speech-language pathology and audiology
 12 board established by this article.

13 (b) As used in this article, "person" means any individual,
 14 organization, or corporate body, except that only an individual may be
 15 licensed under this article.

16 (c) As used in this article, "speech-language pathologist" means an
 17 individual who practices speech-language pathology and who presents
 18 himself to the public by any title or description of services
 19 incorporating the words speech pathologist, speech-language
 20 pathologist, speech therapist, **speech-language specialist, teacher of**
 21 **communication disorders**, speech correctionist, speech clinician,
 22 language pathologist, language therapist, logopedist, communicologist,
 23 voice therapist, voice pathologist, or any similar title or description of
 24 service.

25 (d) As used in this article, "speech-language pathology" means the
 26 application of nonmedical and nonsurgical principles, methods, and
 27 procedures for the ~~measurement, testing, evaluation, prediction,~~
 28 ~~counseling, instruction, habilitation, or rehabilitation~~ related to the
 29 development and disorders of speech, voice, or language for the
 30 purpose of ~~evaluating, preventing, ameliorating, or modifying such~~
 31 ~~disorders and conditions in individuals or groups of individuals.~~
 32 **following:**

33 (1) **The prevention, evaluation, habilitation, rehabilitation,**
 34 **instruction, and research of communication and swallowing**
 35 **disorders.**

36 (2) **The elective modification of communication behaviors.**

37 (3) **The enhancement of communication, including the use of**
 38 **augmentative or alternate communication strategies.**

39 (e) As used in this article, "audiologist" means an individual who
 40 practices audiology and who presents himself to the public by any title
 41 or description of services incorporating the words audiologist, hearing
 42 clinician, hearing therapist, **hearing specialist, audiometrist,**

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vestibular specialist, or any similar title or description of service.

(f) As used in this article, "audiology" means the application of nonmedical and nonsurgical principles, methods, and procedures of measurement, testing, evaluation, prediction, consultation, counseling, instruction, habilitation, or rehabilitation related to hearing and disorders of hearing for the purpose of evaluating, identifying, preventing, ameliorating, or modifying such disorders and conditions in individuals or groups of individuals. **prevention, evaluation, habilitation, rehabilitation, instruction, and research of disorders of hearing, auditory function, and vestibular function.**

(g) As used in this article, "~~speech-language pathology aide~~" "**support personnel**" means ~~an individual~~ **individuals** who ~~meets~~ **meet** the qualifications which the board ~~may~~ **shall** establish for the following:

(1) ~~Speech-language pathology aides:~~ **aide.**

(2) **Speech-language pathology associate.**

(3) **Speech-language pathology assistant.**

which qualifications shall be less than those established by this article as necessary for licensure as a speech-language pathologist, and who works under the direct supervision of a licensed speech pathologist.

(h) As used in this article, "~~audiology aide~~" means ~~an individual~~ who meets minimum qualifications which the board may establish for ~~audiology aides,~~ which qualifications shall be less than those established by this article as necessary for licensure as an audiologist, and who works under the direct supervision of a licensed audiologist. **"clinical fellowship" means a supervised professional experience.**

(i) As used in this article, "**direct supervision**" means **onsite observation and guidance while an assigned evaluation or therapeutic activity is being performed.**

SECTION 4. IC 25-35.6-1-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 4. Nothing in this article shall be construed as preventing or restricting the following:

(1) A physician or surgeon from engaging in the practice of medicine in this state, or a person under the supervision and control of a physician or surgeon from conducting hearing testing, provided such a person is not called an audiologist.

(2) Any hearing aid dealer from:

(A) engaging in the testing of hearing and other practices and procedures necessary for the business for which the dealer is registered in this state under IC 25-20-1; **and**

(B) **using the title hearing aid specialist or any similar title or description of service.**

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(3) Any person licensed or registered in this state by any other law from engaging in the profession or occupation for which the person is licensed or registered.

(4) A person who holds a valid and current credential as a speech-language or hearing specialist issued by the department of education; or a person employed as a speech-language pathologist or audiologist by the government of the United States, if such person performs speech-language pathology or audiology services solely within the confines or under the jurisdiction of the governmental or state educational organization by which the person is employed. However, such person may, without obtaining a license under this article, consult with or disseminate the person's research findings and other scientific information to speech-language pathologists and audiologists outside the jurisdiction of the organization by which the person is employed. Such person may also offer **instruction and** lectures to the public for a fee, monetary or other, without being licensed under this article. Such person may additionally elect to be subject to this article.

(5) The activities and services of persons pursuing a course of study leading to a degree in speech-language pathology or **audiology** at a college or university, if:

(A) such activities and services constitute a part of a supervised course of study; ~~and that~~

(B) such person is designated speech-language pathology or **audiology** intern, speech-language pathology or **audiology** trainee, or by other such titles clearly indicating the training status appropriate to the person's level of training; ~~and~~

(C) ~~the person works only under the direct supervision of a speech-language pathologist or audiologist licensed under this article.~~

(6) The activities and services of a person pursuing a course of study leading to a degree in audiology at a college or university; if such activities and services constitute a part of a supervised course of study and such person is designated audiology intern; audiology trainee; or by any other such titles clearly indicating the training status appropriate to the person's level of training.

~~(7)~~ (6) The activities and services of persons fulfilling the clinical experience requirement of section ~~5(a)(5)~~ **5(2)(B)(ii) or 6(3)(B)** of this chapter, if such activities and services constitute a part of the experience required for that section's fulfillment.

~~(8)~~ (7) The performance of pure tone air conduction testing by an

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1 industrial audiometric technician, as defined by federal law, who
 2 is working in an industrial hearing conservation program directed
 3 by a physician or an audiologist.

4 ~~(9)~~ **(8)** The performance of speech-language pathology or
 5 audiology services in this state by any person not a resident of this
 6 state who is not licensed under this article, if such services are
 7 performed for no more than five (5) days in any calendar year and
 8 in cooperation with a speech-language pathologist or audiologist
 9 licensed under this article, and if such person meets the
 10 qualifications and requirements for application for licensure
 11 described in ~~sections 5(a)(1) and 5(a)(2)~~ **sections 5(1) and 5(2)**
 12 **or 6(1) and 6(2)** of this chapter. However, a person not a resident
 13 of this state who is not licensed under this article, but who is
 14 licensed under the law of another state which has established
 15 licensure requirements at least equivalent to those established by
 16 section 5 **or 6** of this chapter or who is the holder of a certificate
 17 of clinical competence in speech-language pathology or audiology
 18 or its equivalent issued by a nationally recognized association for
 19 speech-language ~~and~~ **or** hearing, may offer speech-language
 20 pathology or audiology services in this state for no more than
 21 thirty (30) days in any calendar year, if such services are
 22 performed in cooperation with a speech-language pathologist or
 23 audiologist licensed under this article.

24 **SECTION 5. IC 25-35.6-1-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS**
 25 **FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]:** Sec. 5. To be eligible for
 26 licensure by the board as a speech-language pathologist ~~or audiologist,~~
 27 **or registration by the board as a speech-language pathology aide,**
 28 **a speech-language pathology associate, or a speech-language**
 29 **pathology assistant, a person must satisfy the following:**

30 (1) Not have been convicted of a crime that has a direct bearing
 31 on the person's ability to practice competently.

32 **(2) For licensure as a speech-language pathologist:**

33 **(A)** possess at least a master's degree or its equivalent in the
 34 area of speech-language pathology ~~or audiology, as the case~~
 35 ~~may be;~~ from an educational institution recognized by the
 36 board; **and**

37 **(B) submit evidence of:**

38 **(i) a national certification in speech-language pathology**
 39 **that is approved by the board; or**

40 **(ii) satisfaction of the academic and clinical experience**
 41 **requirements necessary for licensure as defined in the**
 42 **rules of the board.**

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(3) For registration as a speech-language pathology aide, possess at least a high school degree or its equivalent.

(4) For registration as a speech-language pathology associate, possess at least an associate degree in speech-language pathology.

(5) For registration as a speech-language pathology assistant, possess at least a bachelor's degree in speech-language pathology.

(3) Submit to the board transcripts from one (1) or more of the educational institutions described in subdivision (2) evidencing completion of at least eighteen (18) semester hours in courses providing fundamental information applicable to the normal development of speech; hearing; and language and at least forty-two (42) semester hours in courses providing information about and practical experience in the management of speech; hearing; and language disorders; and of these forty-two (42) semester hours:

(A) no fewer than six (6) shall be in audiology for a person applying for licensure in speech-language pathology;

(B) no fewer than six (6) shall be in speech-language pathology for a person applying for licensure in audiology;

(C) no more than six (6) shall be in courses providing academic credit for clinical practice;

(D) at least twenty-four (24); not including credits for thesis or dissertation requirements; shall be in the field for which the license is sought; and

(E) at least thirty (30) shall be in courses considered by the educational institution in which they are conducted as acceptable for application toward a graduate degree.

(4) Submit to the board evidence of the completion of at least three hundred (300) hours of supervised; direct clinical experience with a variety of communication disorders; which experience is received within the educational institution itself or a clinical program with which it cooperates.

(5) Submit to the board evidence of the completion of at least nine (9) consecutive months; at no less than thirty (30) hours per week; of clinical experience in the professional area (speech-language pathology and audiology) for which a license is sought. This requirement may also be fulfilled by part-time clinical experience as follows: fifteen (15) to nineteen (19) hours per week for eighteen (18) consecutive months; twenty (20) to twenty-four (24) hours per week for fifteen (15) consecutive months; or twenty-five

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(25) to twenty-nine (29) hours per week for twelve (12) consecutive months. The clinical experience must be under the direct supervision of and attested to in a notarized statement by a person licensed in the area (speech-language pathology or audiology) for which a license is being sought. Such clinical experience must additionally follow the completion of the requirements described in subdivisions (2), (3), and (4).

(6) Pass a written examination approved by the board.

SECTION 6. IC 25-35.6-1-6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: **Sec. 6. To be eligible for licensure by the board as an audiologist, an individual must satisfy the following:**

(1) Not have been convicted of a crime that has a direct bearing on the individual's ability to practice competently.

(2) Possess a doctoral degree from an accredited educational program recognized by the board.

(3) Submit evidence of:

(A) a national certification in audiology that is approved by the board; or

(B) satisfaction of the academic and clinical experience requirements necessary for licensure as defined in the rules of the board.

SECTION 7. IC 25-35.6-1-7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: **Sec. 7. (a) The professional standards board may issue an initial license as a speech-language pathologist only to an individual who is licensed as a speech-language pathologist under this article. The professional standards board shall issue a license as a speech-language pathologist to an individual who:**

(1) is licensed as a speech-language pathologist under this article; and

(2) requests licensure.

(b) A speech-language pathologist licensed by the professional standards board shall register with the health professions bureau all speech-language pathology support personnel that the speech-language pathologist supervises.

(c) The professional standards board may not impose different or additional supervision requirements upon speech-language pathology support personnel than the supervision requirements that are imposed under this article.

(d) The professional standards board may not impose continuing education requirements upon an individual who

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receives a license under this section that are different from or in addition to the continuing education requirements imposed under this article.

(e) An individual who:

(1) if:

(A) the individual is a speech-language pathologist, receives a license under this section or received a license as a speech-language pathologist issued by the professional standards board before July 1, 2005; or

(B) the individual is an audiologist, works in an educational setting;

(2) has been the holder of a certificate of clinical competence in speech-language pathology or audiology or its equivalent issued by a nationally recognized association for speech-language pathology and audiology for at least three (3) consecutive years; and

(3) has professional experience as a licensed speech-language pathologist or audiologist in a school setting that is equivalent to the experience required for a teacher seeking national certification by the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards;

is considered to have the equivalent of and is entitled to the same benefits that accrue to a holder of a national certification issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

SECTION 8. IC 25-35.6-1-8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 8. (a) The board shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to define the role of support personnel, including the following:

(1) Supervisory responsibilities of the speech-language pathologist.

(2) Ratio of support personnel to speech-language pathologists.

(3) Scope of duties and restrictions of responsibilities for each type of support personnel.

(4) Frequency, duration, and documentation of supervision.

(5) Education and training required to perform services.

(6) Procedures for renewing registration and terminating duties.

(b) A speech-language pathologist must meet the following qualifications to supervise speech-language pathology support personnel:

(1) Hold a current license as a speech-language pathologist.

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1 **(2) Have at least three (3) years of clinical experience.**

2 **(3) Hold a certificate of clinical competence in**
 3 **speech-language pathology or its equivalent issued by a**
 4 **nationally recognized association for speech-language and**
 5 **hearing.**

6 **(c) Speech-language pathology support personnel may provide**
 7 **support services only under the direct supervision of a**
 8 **speech-language pathologist.**

9 SECTION 9. IC 25-35.6-1-9 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 10 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 11 1, 2005]: **Sec. 9. (a) If a speech-language pathologist performs an**
 12 **evaluation and the evaluation suggests the possibility of a condition**
 13 **that requires medical attention, the speech-language pathologist**
 14 **shall promptly refer the patient to an individual licensed under**
 15 **IC 25-22.5.**

16 **(b) A speech-language pathologist shall perform instrumental**
 17 **procedures using rigid or flexible endoscopes only under the**
 18 **authorization and general supervision of an individual licensed**
 19 **under IC 25-22.5.**

20 SECTION 10. IC 25-35.6-1-10 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 21 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 22 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: **Sec. 10. (a) If an audiologist performs**
 23 **an evaluation and the evaluation suggests the possibility of a**
 24 **condition that requires medical attention, the audiologist shall**
 25 **promptly refer the patient to an individual licensed under**
 26 **IC 25-22.5.**

27 **(b) An audiologist shall administer tests of vestibular function**
 28 **only to patients who have been referred by an individual licensed**
 29 **under IC 25-22.5.**

30 SECTION 11. IC 25-35.6-2-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 31 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: **Sec. 2. (a) The board:**

32 **(1) shall administer, coordinate, and enforce this article;**

33 **(2) shall evaluate the qualifications and supervise the**
 34 **examinations of applicants for licensure under this article;**

35 **(3) may issue subpoenas, examine witnesses, and administer**
 36 **oaths; and**

37 **(4) shall, at its discretion, investigate allegations of practices**
 38 **violating this article, subject to IC 25-1-7.**

39 **(b) The board shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 relating to**
 40 **professional conduct commensurate with the policy of this article,**
 41 **including rules that establish standards for the competent practice of**
 42 **speech-language pathology and audiology. Following their adoption,**

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the rules govern and control the professional conduct of every person who holds a license to practice speech-language pathology or audiology in this state.

(c) The board shall conduct the hearings and keep the records and minutes necessary for the orderly dispatch of its functions. The board shall have notice provided to the appropriate persons in a manner it considers appropriate of the times and places of all hearings authorized by this subsection. Approval by a majority of a quorum of the board is required for any action to be taken in actions for revocation or suspension of a license issued under this article.

(d) The board may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to:

- (1) administer or enforce this article;
- (2) register persons in the process of fulfilling the clinical experience required for a license under this article;
- (3) establish fees in accordance with IC 25-1-8-2; and
- (4) register speech-language pathology **assistants, associates, and audiology aides** and establish rules governing the duties of **assistants, associates, and aides**.

(e) The conferral or enumeration of specific powers elsewhere in this article shall not be construed as a limitation of the general functions conferred by this section.

SECTION 12. IC 25-35.6-3-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 3. (a) The board ~~may waive the examination and grant licensure~~ **shall issue a license in speech-language pathology or audiology** to any applicant who:

(1) presents proof of:

- (A) current licensure **in speech-language pathology or audiology** in another state, including the District of Columbia or a territory of the United States, ~~which maintains under professional standards considered by that~~ the board **considers** to be **at least** equivalent to those set forth in this article; or
- (B) **practice as a speech-language pathologist or an audiologist under the authority and supervision of an agency of the federal government; and**

(2) **meets any other requirements that the board establishes by rule.**

(b) The board may waive the examination and grant licensure to any person certified as clinically competent by a nationally recognized association for speech-language and hearing in the area for which such person is applying for licensure.

SECTION 13. IC 25-35.6-3-3.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS

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[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: **Sec. 3.5.** The board may issue a provisional license in audiology to an individual who meets the requirements that the board establishes by rule.

SECTION 14. IC 25-35.6-3-8.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: **Sec. 8.1. (a)** Each individual licensed under this article and each individual registered as a speech-language pathology aide, a speech-language pathology associate, or a speech-language pathology assistant shall provide public notice of the license or registration by making the license or registration, or an official duplicate of the license or registration, available when the individual practices speech-language pathology or audiology or provides support services.

(b) Before support personnel may provide services, the speech-language pathologist shall ensure that prior written notification is provided to the recipient of the services that services are to be provided in whole or in part by support personnel.

SECTION 15. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005] **(a)** The health professions bureau shall issue a license in speech-language pathology as follows:

(1) To each individual who applies for licensure and meets all of the following qualifications:

(A) Holds a license in speech and hearing therapy issued by the professional standards board.

(B) Has a master's degree in speech-language pathology or a related discipline.

(C) Has been employed as a speech-language pathologist for at least nine (9) months in the last five (5) years.

(2) To each individual who applies for licensure and meets all of the following qualifications:

(A) Holds a life license in speech-language pathology issued by the professional standards board.

(B) Has:

(i) been employed as a speech-language pathologist for at least nine (9) months in the last five (5) years; or

(ii) taken at least thirty-six (36) hours of continuing education approved by the professional standards board or health professions bureau after December 31, 2001, and before January 1, 2007.

(b) This SECTION expires July 1, 2007.

SECTION 16. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005] **(a)** Notwithstanding IC 25-35.6-1-8(b)(3), as added by this act, a speech-language

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1 pathologist is not required to hold a certificate of clinical
2 competence in speech-language pathology or its equivalent issued
3 by a nationally recognized association for speech-language and
4 hearing to supervise speech-language pathology support personnel.

5 (b) This SECTION expires July 1, 2010.

6 SECTION 17. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005] (a) Notwithstanding
7 IC 25-35.6-1-6(2), as added by this act, an applicant for initial
8 license as an audiologist is required to possess only a master's
9 degree in audiology from an accredited educational program
10 recognized by the speech-language pathology and audiology board
11 established by IC 25-35.6.

12 (b) This SECTION expires January 1, 2007.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Health and Provider Services, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 591, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 1, delete lines 1 through 17.

Delete pages 2 through 5.

Page 6, delete lines 1 through 40.

Page 8, reset in roman lines 16 through 34.

Page 8, between lines 34 and 35, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"(h) The board shall consult with the social work certification and marriage and family therapists credentialing board before establishing, maintaining, and updating the list of restricted psychology tests and instruments under subsection (g)."

Page 8, line 35, after "(h)" insert "(i)".

Page 8, line 35, reset in roman "The board shall provide to:".

Page 8, reset in roman lines 36 through 42.

Page 9, reset in roman lines 1 through 2.

Page 9, line 3, after "(i)" insert "(j)".

Page 9, line 3, reset in roman "The social work certification and marriage and family therapists".

Page 9, reset in roman line 4.

Page 9, line 5, reset in roman "under subsection".

Page 9, line 5, after "(h)" insert "(i)".

Page 9, line 5, reset in roman "may offer written comments or objections".

Page 9, reset in roman line 6 through 17.

Page 9, line 18, after "(j)" insert "(k)".

Page 9, line 18, reset in roman "This section may not be interpreted to prevent a licensed or".

Page 9, reset in roman lines 19 through 22.

Page 9, delete lines 23 through 42.

Delete pages 10 through 11.

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 591 as introduced.)

MILLER, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 10, Nays 0.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Public Health, to which was referred Senate Bill 591, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 1, after "IC 25-33-1-3" insert ", AS AMENDED BY HEA 1288-2005, SEC. 196,".

Page 3, line 14, strike "IC 20-1-1.4-2;" and insert "**IC 20-28-2;**".

Page 3, line 15, strike "IC 20-1-1.9;" and insert "**IC 20-28-12;**".

Page 4, after line 11, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 2. IC 25-33-1-9 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 9. (a) The board shall issue a license to practice psychology to an individual who:

- (1) applies in the manner required by the board;
- (2) pays a fee;
- (3) is at least eighteen (18) years of age;
- (4) has not been convicted of a crime that has a direct bearing on the individual's ability to practice competently;
- (5) holds, at the time of application, a valid license or certificate as a psychologist from another state;
- (6) possesses a doctoral degree from a recognized institution of higher learning;
- (7) has successfully completed:
 - (A) a degree program that would have been approved by the board at the time the individual was licensed or certified in the other state; or
 - (B) if the individual was licensed or certified in the other state before July 1, 1969, a degree program that satisfied the educational requirements of the board in effect January 4, 1971;
- (8) has practiced psychology continuously since being licensed or certified;
- (9) if the individual was licensed or certified by the other state:
 - (A) after September 30, 1972, has taken the Examination for the Professional Practice of Psychology and achieved the passing score required by the board at the time the examination was administered; or
 - (B) before January 1, 1990, and the other state required an examination other than the Examination for the Professional Practice of Psychology, achieved a passing score in the other state at the time of licensure or certification;

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(10) has passed an examination administered by the board that covers Indiana law related to the practice of psychology; and
 (11) is not in violation of this chapter or rules adopted under this chapter.

(b) The board may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 concerning the issuance of a license under this section.

SECTION 3. IC 25-35.6-1-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 2. (a) As used in this article, "board" means the speech-language pathology and audiology board established by this article.

(b) As used in this article, "person" means any individual, organization, or corporate body, except that only an individual may be licensed under this article.

(c) As used in this article, "speech-language pathologist" means an individual who practices speech-language pathology and who presents himself to the public by any title or description of services incorporating the words speech pathologist, speech-language pathologist, speech therapist, **speech-language specialist, teacher of communication disorders**, speech correctionist, speech clinician, language pathologist, language therapist, logopedist, communicologist, voice therapist, voice pathologist, or any similar title or description of service.

(d) As used in this article, "speech-language pathology" means the application of nonmedical and nonsurgical principles, methods, and procedures for the ~~measurement, testing, evaluation, prediction, counseling, instruction, habilitation, or rehabilitation related to the development and disorders of speech, voice, or language for the purpose of evaluating, preventing, ameliorating, or modifying such disorders and conditions in individuals or groups of individuals.~~ following:

- (1) **The prevention, evaluation, habilitation, rehabilitation, instruction, and research of communication and swallowing disorders.**
- (2) **The elective modification of communication behaviors.**
- (3) **The enhancement of communication, including the use of augmentative or alternate communication strategies.**

(e) As used in this article, "audiologist" means an individual who practices audiology and who presents himself to the public by any title or description of services incorporating the words audiologist, hearing clinician, hearing therapist, **hearing specialist, audiometrist, vestibular specialist**, or any similar title or description of service.

(f) As used in this article, "audiology" means the application of

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nonmedical and nonsurgical principles, methods, and procedures of measurement, testing, evaluation, prediction, consultation, counseling, instruction, habilitation, or rehabilitation related to hearing and disorders of hearing for the purpose of evaluating, identifying, preventing, ameliorating, or modifying such disorders and conditions in individuals or groups of individuals: **prevention, evaluation, habilitation, rehabilitation, instruction, and research of disorders of hearing, auditory function, and vestibular function.**

(g) As used in this article, "speech-language pathology aide" **"support personnel"** means an individual ~~individuals~~ who ~~meets minimum meet the~~ qualifications which the board ~~may shall~~ establish for the following:

- (1) Speech-language pathology aides: ~~aide.~~
- (2) **Speech-language pathology associate.**
- (3) **Speech-language pathology assistant.**

which qualifications shall be less than those established by this article as necessary for licensure as a speech-language pathologist, and who works under the direct supervision of a licensed speech pathologist.

(h) As used in this article, "audiology aide" means an individual who meets minimum qualifications which the board may establish for audiology aides, which qualifications shall be less than those established by this article as necessary for licensure as an audiologist, and who works under the direct supervision of a licensed audiologist. **"clinical fellowship" means a supervised professional experience.**

(i) As used in this article, "direct supervision" means onsite observation and guidance while an assigned evaluation or therapeutic activity is being performed.

SECTION 4. IC 25-35.6-1-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 4. Nothing in this article shall be construed as preventing or restricting the following:

- (1) A physician or surgeon from engaging in the practice of medicine in this state, or a person under the supervision and control of a physician or surgeon from conducting hearing testing, provided such a person is not called an audiologist.
- (2) Any hearing aid dealer from:
 - (A) engaging in the testing of hearing and other practices and procedures necessary for the business for which the dealer is registered in this state under IC 25-20-1; **and**
 - (B) **using the title hearing aid specialist or any similar title or description of service.**
- (3) Any person licensed or registered in this state by any other law from engaging in the profession or occupation for which the

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person is licensed or registered.

(4) A person ~~who holds a valid and current credential as a speech-language or hearing specialist issued by the department of education; or a person employed as a speech-language pathologist or audiologist by the government of the United States, if such person performs speech-language pathology or audiology services solely within the confines or under the jurisdiction of the governmental or state educational organization by which the person is employed. However, such person may, without obtaining a license under this article, consult with or disseminate the person's research findings and other scientific information to speech-language pathologists and audiologists outside the jurisdiction of the organization by which the person is employed. Such person may also offer instruction and lectures to the public for a fee, monetary or other;~~ without being licensed under this article. Such person may additionally elect to be subject to this article.

(5) The activities and services of persons pursuing a course of study leading to a degree in speech-language pathology **or audiology** at a college or university, if:

(A) such activities and services constitute a part of a supervised course of study; ~~and that~~

(B) such person is designated speech-language pathology **or audiology** intern, speech-language pathology **or audiology** trainee, or by other such titles clearly indicating the training status appropriate to the person's level of training; **and**

(C) **the person works only under the direct supervision of a speech-language pathologist or audiologist licensed under this article.**

(6) ~~The activities and services of a person pursuing a course of study leading to a degree in audiology at a college or university, if such activities and services constitute a part of a supervised course of study and such person is designated audiology intern; audiology trainee; or by any other such titles clearly indicating the training status appropriate to the person's level of training.~~

(7) ~~(6)~~ The activities and services of persons fulfilling the clinical experience requirement of section ~~5(a)(5)~~ **5(2)(B)(ii) or 6(3)(B)** of this chapter, if such activities and services constitute a part of the experience required for that section's fulfillment.

(8) ~~(7)~~ The performance of pure tone air conduction testing by an industrial audiometric technician, as defined by federal law, who is working in an industrial hearing conservation program directed

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by a physician or an audiologist.

~~(9)~~ **(8)** The performance of speech-language pathology or audiology services in this state by any person not a resident of this state who is not licensed under this article, if such services are performed for no more than five (5) days in any calendar year and in cooperation with a speech-language pathologist or audiologist licensed under this article, and if such person meets the qualifications and requirements for application for licensure described in ~~sections 5(a)(1) and 5(a)(2)~~ **sections 5(1) and 5(2) or 6(1) and 6(2)** of this chapter. However, a person not a resident of this state who is not licensed under this article, but who is licensed under the law of another state which has established licensure requirements at least equivalent to those established by section 5 **or 6** of this chapter or who is the holder of a certificate of clinical competence in speech-language pathology or audiology or its equivalent issued by a nationally recognized association for speech-language ~~and~~ **or** hearing, may offer speech-language pathology or audiology services in this state for no more than thirty (30) days in any calendar year, if such services are performed in cooperation with a speech-language pathologist or audiologist licensed under this article.

SECTION 5. IC 25-35.6-1-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 5. To be eligible for licensure by the board as a speech-language pathologist ~~or audiologist;~~ **or registration by the board as a speech-language pathology aide, a speech-language pathology associate, or a speech-language pathology assistant,** a person must satisfy the following:

- (1) Not have been convicted of a crime that has a direct bearing on the person's ability to practice competently.
- (2) **For licensure as a speech-language pathologist:**
 - (A) possess at least a master's degree or its equivalent in the area of speech-language pathology ~~or audiology;~~ **as the case may be;** from an educational institution recognized by the board; **and**
 - (B) **submit evidence of:**
 - (i) **a national certification in speech-language pathology that is approved by the board; or**
 - (ii) **satisfaction of the academic and clinical experience requirements necessary for licensure as defined in the rules of the board.**
- (3) **For registration as a speech-language pathology aide,** possess at least a high school degree or its equivalent.

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(4) For registration as a speech-language pathology associate, possess at least an associate degree in speech-language pathology.

(5) For registration as a speech-language pathology assistant, possess at least a bachelor's degree in speech-language pathology.

(3) Submit to the board transcripts from one (1) or more of the educational institutions described in subdivision (2) evidencing completion of at least eighteen (18) semester hours in courses providing fundamental information applicable to the normal development of speech, hearing, and language and at least forty-two (42) semester hours in courses providing information about and practical experience in the management of speech, hearing, and language disorders, and of these forty-two (42) semester hours:

(A) no fewer than six (6) shall be in audiology for a person applying for licensure in speech-language pathology;

(B) no fewer than six (6) shall be in speech-language pathology for a person applying for licensure in audiology;

(C) no more than six (6) shall be in courses providing academic credit for clinical practice;

(D) at least twenty-four (24); not including credits for thesis or dissertation requirements, shall be in the field for which the license is sought; and

(E) at least thirty (30) shall be in courses considered by the educational institution in which they are conducted as acceptable for application toward a graduate degree.

(4) Submit to the board evidence of the completion of at least three hundred (300) hours of supervised, direct clinical experience with a variety of communication disorders, which experience is received within the educational institution itself or a clinical program with which it cooperates.

(5) Submit to the board evidence of the completion of at least nine (9) consecutive months; at no less than thirty (30) hours per week; of clinical experience in the professional area (speech-language pathology and audiology) for which a license is sought. This requirement may also be fulfilled by part-time clinical experience as follows: fifteen (15) to nineteen (19) hours per week for eighteen (18) consecutive months; twenty (20) to twenty-four (24) hours per week for fifteen (15) consecutive months; or twenty-five (25) to twenty-nine (29) hours per week for twelve (12) consecutive months. The clinical experience must be under the

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direct supervision of and attested to in a notarized statement by a person licensed in the area (speech-language pathology or audiology) for which a license is being sought. Such clinical experience must additionally follow the completion of the requirements described in subdivisions (2); (3); and (4):

(6) Pass a written examination approved by the board:

SECTION 6. IC 25-35.6-1-6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: **Sec. 6. To be eligible for licensure by the board as an audiologist, an individual must satisfy the following:**

- (1) Not have been convicted of a crime that has a direct bearing on the individual's ability to practice competently.
- (2) Possess a doctoral degree from an accredited educational program recognized by the board.
- (3) Submit evidence of:
 - (A) a national certification in audiology that is approved by the board; or
 - (B) satisfaction of the academic and clinical experience requirements necessary for licensure as defined in the rules of the board.

SECTION 7. IC 25-35.6-1-7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: **Sec. 7. (a) The professional standards board may issue an initial license as a speech-language pathologist only to an individual who is licensed as a speech-language pathologist under this article. The professional standards board shall issue a license as a speech-language pathologist to an individual who:**

- (1) is licensed as a speech-language pathologist under this article; and
- (2) requests licensure.

(b) A speech-language pathologist licensed by the professional standards board shall register with the health professions bureau all speech-language pathology support personnel that the speech-language pathologist supervises.

(c) The professional standards board may not impose different or additional supervision requirements upon speech-language pathology support personnel than the supervision requirements that are imposed under this article.

(d) The professional standards board may not impose continuing education requirements upon an individual who receives a license under this section that are different from or in addition to the continuing education requirements imposed under

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this article.

(e) An individual who:

(1) if:

(A) the individual is a speech-language pathologist, receives a license under this section or received a license as a speech-language pathologist issued by the professional standards board before July 1, 2005; or

(B) the individual is an audiologist, works in an educational setting;

(2) has been the holder of a certificate of clinical competence in speech-language pathology or audiology or its equivalent issued by a nationally recognized association for speech-language pathology and audiology for at least three (3) consecutive years; and

(3) has professional experience as a licensed speech-language pathologist or audiologist in a school setting that is equivalent to the experience required for a teacher seeking national certification by the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards;

is considered to have the equivalent of and is entitled to the same benefits that accrue to a holder of a national certification issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

SECTION 8. IC 25-35.6-1-8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 8. (a) The board shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to define the role of support personnel, including the following:

(1) Supervisory responsibilities of the speech-language pathologist.

(2) Ratio of support personnel to speech-language pathologists.

(3) Scope of duties and restrictions of responsibilities for each type of support personnel.

(4) Frequency, duration, and documentation of supervision.

(5) Education and training required to perform services.

(6) Procedures for renewing registration and terminating duties.

(b) A speech-language pathologist must meet the following qualifications to supervise speech-language pathology support personnel:

(1) Hold a current license as a speech-language pathologist.

(2) Have at least three (3) years of clinical experience.

(3) Hold a certificate of clinical competence in

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speech-language pathology or its equivalent issued by a nationally recognized association for speech-language and hearing.

(c) Speech-language pathology support personnel may provide support services only under the direct supervision of a speech-language pathologist.

SECTION 9. IC 25-35.6-1-9 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: **Sec. 9. (a) If a speech-language pathologist performs an evaluation and the evaluation suggests the possibility of a condition that requires medical attention, the speech-language pathologist shall promptly refer the patient to an individual licensed under IC 25-22.5.**

(b) A speech-language pathologist shall perform instrumental procedures using rigid or flexible endoscopes only under the authorization and general supervision of an individual licensed under IC 25-22.5.

SECTION 10. IC 25-35.6-1-10 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: **Sec. 10. (a) If an audiologist performs an evaluation and the evaluation suggests the possibility of a condition that requires medical attention, the audiologist shall promptly refer the patient to an individual licensed under IC 25-22.5.**

(b) An audiologist shall administer tests of vestibular function only to patients who have been referred by an individual licensed under IC 25-22.5.

SECTION 11. IC 25-35.6-2-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: **Sec. 2. (a) The board:**

- (1) shall administer, coordinate, and enforce this article;
- (2) shall evaluate the qualifications and supervise the examinations of applicants for licensure under this article;
- (3) may issue subpoenas, examine witnesses, and administer oaths; and
- (4) shall, at its discretion, investigate allegations of practices violating this article, subject to IC 25-1-7.

(b) The board shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 relating to professional conduct commensurate with the policy of this article, including rules that establish standards for the competent practice of speech-language pathology and audiology. Following their adoption, the rules govern and control the professional conduct of every person who holds a license to practice speech-language pathology or audiology

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in this state.

(c) The board shall conduct the hearings and keep the records and minutes necessary for the orderly dispatch of its functions. The board shall have notice provided to the appropriate persons in a manner it considers appropriate of the times and places of all hearings authorized by this subsection. Approval by a majority of a quorum of the board is required for any action to be taken in actions for revocation or suspension of a license issued under this article.

(d) The board may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to:

- (1) administer or enforce this article;
- (2) register persons in the process of fulfilling the clinical experience required for a license under this article;
- (3) establish fees in accordance with IC 25-1-8-2; and
- (4) register speech-language pathology **assistants, associates, and audiology** aides and establish rules governing the duties of **assistants, associates, and aides**.

(e) The conferral or enumeration of specific powers elsewhere in this article shall not be construed as a limitation of the general functions conferred by this section.

SECTION 12. IC 25-35.6-3-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 3. (a) The board ~~may waive the examination and grant licensure~~ **shall issue a license in speech-language pathology or audiology** to any applicant who:

(1) presents proof of:

- (A) current licensure **in speech-language pathology or audiology** in another state, including the District of Columbia or a territory of the United States, ~~which maintains under professional standards considered by that~~ the board **considers** to be **at least** equivalent to those set forth in this article; **or**
- (B) **practice as a speech-language pathologist or an audiologist under the authority and supervision of an agency of the federal government; and**

(2) **meets any other requirements that the board establishes by rule.**

(b) The board may waive the examination and grant licensure to any person certified as clinically competent by a nationally recognized association for speech-language and hearing in the area for which such person is applying for licensure.

SECTION 13. IC 25-35.6-3-3.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: **Sec. 3.5. The board may issue a provisional license in audiology to an individual who meets the**

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requirements that the board establishes by rule.

SECTION 14. IC 25-35.6-3-8.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: **Sec. 8.1. (a) Each individual licensed under this article and each individual registered as a speech-language pathology aide, a speech-language pathology associate, or a speech-language pathology assistant shall provide public notice of the license or registration by making the license or registration, or an official duplicate of the license or registration, available when the individual practices speech-language pathology or audiology or provides support services.**

(b) Before support personnel may provide services, the speech-language pathologist shall ensure that prior written notification is provided to the recipient of the services that services are to be provided in whole or in part by support personnel.

SECTION 15. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005] **(a) The health professions bureau shall issue a license in speech-language pathology as follows:**

(1) To each individual who applies for licensure and meets all of the following qualifications:

(A) Holds a license in speech and hearing therapy issued by the professional standards board.

(B) Has a master's degree in speech-language pathology or a related discipline.

(C) Has been employed as a speech-language pathologist for at least nine (9) months in the last five (5) years.

(2) To each individual who applies for licensure and meets all of the following qualifications:

(A) Holds a life license in speech-language pathology issued by the professional standards board.

(B) Has:

(i) been employed as a speech-language pathologist for at least nine (9) months in the last five (5) years; or

(ii) taken at least thirty-six (36) hours of continuing education approved by the professional standards board or health professions bureau after December 31, 2001, and before January 1, 2007.

(b) This SECTION expires July 1, 2007.

SECTION 16. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005] **(a) Notwithstanding IC 25-35.6-1-8(b)(3), as added by this act, a speech-language pathologist is not required to hold a certificate of clinical competence in speech-language pathology or its equivalent issued**

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by a nationally recognized association for speech-language and hearing to supervise speech-language pathology support personnel.

(b) This SECTION expires July 1, 2010.

SECTION 17. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005] (a) Notwithstanding IC 25-35.6-1-6(2), as added by this act, an applicant for initial license as an audiologist is required to possess only a master's degree in audiology from an accredited educational program recognized by the speech-language pathology and audiology board established by IC 25-35.6.

(b) This SECTION expires January 1, 2007."

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 591 as printed February 25, 2005.)

BECKER, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 10, nays 0.

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